

# Officer's Reports



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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## **New York Department Commander Report 132nd New York Department Encampment May 1-3, 2015, Saratoga Springs, New York**

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Department Commander the past year. I want to thank my department officers and members from many camps from New York State for helping me to advance the goals of the New York Department. We have gone through some hard times the past few years. From our bad ordeal, I believe we have come out stronger and better than ever, thanks to the leadership and members that are in the department. The New York Department is proud to be part of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As your Department Commander this past year, I gave out 15 Department Orders. I also submitted to National several reports on the activities of the department and several camps within our department. A commander's report was submitted at the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia last year. Three reports were sent to the Council of Administration in addition a mid-year report. The reports show the department continues to perpetuate the memory of our Civil War ancestors. The department and camps held ceremonies throughout New York State for the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. The New York Department had a very productive year. I would like to give a summary of some of the events that I attended.

I had the honor to represent the department as Department Commander at the 132nd National Encampment, SUVCW in Marietta, Georgia on August 14-17, 2014. A resolution was submitted to National that was passed at our 131st NY Department Encampment. It was a resolution to amend Chapter V, Article V, of the National Regulations by adding Section 26 regarding the penalties against a member that resigns under suspension or subject of an investigation. The resolution was passed and adopted by the members at the National Encampment in Georgia. I assisted PC-in-C and Quartermaster Danny Wheeler at the Quartermaster store setup in the meeting room. PC-in-C Danny Wheeler sold a record number of Sons items that he put out for the membership. Bro. Wheeler, we cannot thank you enough for what you have done for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, I attended the Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show Award Ceremony." PS 110 the Monitor School at 124 Monitor St., Greenpoint, Brooklyn. I am the Vice President and Instructor of the museum. Again the event was very successful that involved children and their parents from all the "Road Show" schools that were visited during the school year. Awards were given to students that submitted Civil War drawings, paintings, models and letters.

Organized 1881 — the only male organization recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic



On Saturday, November 15, 2014, I marched with New York Department members in the Annual Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA. Before the parade, I attended the memorial service at the Albert Woolson GAR Monument. I also attended the breakfast run by the Sons of Veterans Reserve in the morning. The weather was very good and the parade had a great turnout. We are proud of our SVR Brothers!

I attended two Christmas Parties during the holiday season. Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW held its Christmas Party on Dec. 6, 2014 at the Trinity-St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Maspeth, Queens, NY. Then on Dec. 14, 2014. I also attended the Moses Baldwin Camp 544, SUVCW Christmas Party. I also had the honor as Department Commander to swear in their new camp officers. I wished them luck with their new camp positions. NY DUVCW Dept. Pres. Eileen Sleckman also attended with some of her members.

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015, I was interviewed by the History Channel to talk about my ancestor Surgeon Grenville Weeks who was a surviving member of the sinking of the USS Monitor. The documentary is called "Blood and Glory: The Civil War in Color. Many of you may have seen it. Unfortunately, they weren't able to include my interview in the show. It was hard for them to condense about 40 people's interviews into a four hour mini series. As a thank you, they sent me a copy of the four hour documentary.

On Saturday, January 17, 2015, I attended the annual luncheon held by Admiral John L. Worden Camp 150 at Mary Kelly's restaurant in Beacon, NY. The event was well attended. Members of the Allied Orders were present. New York DUVCW Department President Eileen Sleckman was there to give greetings. I thanked Camp Commander Matt Hereford for inviting me, Janice Weinmann and Tilden Camp member James F. Bond to the luncheon. Everyone had a wonderful time!

On Friday, January 30, 2015, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) visited PS 110 "The Monitor School" in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY. It was the 153rd anniversary of the Launching of the USS Monitor off the Greenpoint shores. NOAA gave a presentation to the schoolchildren in the auditorium on the discovery, conservation and National Marine Sanctuary of the USS Monitor. NOAA gave the museum a piece of coal from the USS Monitor. I accepted the coal on behalf of the museum, which added it to their Civil War collection for all the children to enjoy. What a wonderful gift!

Also on January 30, 2015, The Greenpoint Monitor Museum set up an afternoon meeting with the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and Deputy President Diana Reyna at their Brooklyn Borough Hall office. Tilden Camp, NOAA, along with members of local community organizations and politicians were there to give the museum support. The meeting was very successful. The museum looks forward to working with the Brooklyn Borough President's Office to help make the museum a reality.

The NY Department continues to support Oliver Tilden Camp #26, in NYC and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's efforts to develop the museum's shoreline and establish a building on their land. The museum shares the launch site of the USS Monitor. The museum is applying for Grant money that is available from a \$19.5 Million Dollar lawsuit that was won against Mobile Oil. The museum is applying for grant money for engineering to develop its shoreline with a new shore protection, soil, walkway, pier and a dock. The community will benefit from it if the shoreline is developed. It will protect the surrounding properties from flooding from storms like Sandy. NOAA plans to dock its research vessel at the museum's dock and conduct Environmental classes to the public. PS 110 "The Monitor School" is a supporting partner to the project and has provided a classroom in their school for the museum's "Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show". Department Chaplain Arthur Kirmss, Janice Weinmann and I are Road Show instructors that teach the history of the Civil War, John Ericsson and the USS Monitor. This will be a great accomplishment for the museum and the SUV if all goes as planned.

The National Parks Service held a ceremony for the 150th Anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Grant National Monument. My wife Janice and I were in the color guard representing the Union with the US Coast Guard and the 57th Virginia Inf. representing the Confederate side. A symbolic surrendering of a confederate flag was performed by the 57th Virginia Inf. at 3:15 PM. At the same time church bells rang out across the county for the 150 anniversary of the surrender. Tilden Camp member



Larry Clowers and his wife Connie portrayed US Grant and Julia Grant. In the morning they gave presentations at the Visitor Center. Topics: Bro. Clowers - "General Grant and the Surrender". Connie Clowers - "A Woman's Perspective on the End of the War". Bro. Frank Scaturro, President of the Grant Monument Assn. also gave a presentation. Topic: "The Appomattox Campaign". Bros. Bill Webb and Steve Reilly, from the Kennesaw Camp, SUVCW attended, along with Eileen Sleekman, New York Dept President, DUVCW.

I attended the Grant Monument Association dinner on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Union League Club in Manhattan. The dinner took place after the ceremony at the Grant National Memorial. Gen. Petraeus was the special guest. Department Chaplain Arthur Kirmss, Bro. Mark & Joyce Goret, Janice Weinmann also attended. Bro. Frank Scaturro, President of the Grant Monument Assn. gave a presentation on the Appomattox Campaign. Bro. Frank did a great job organizing the dinner. Many guests from different historical and patriotic organizations were in attendance including Cadets from West Point. Everyone had a wonderful time!

I helped to organize the Oliver Tilden Camp's Annual Grant Birthday Commemoration at Grant's Tomb located at 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, NY. The event was held on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 11:00 am. As New York Department Commander, I placed a wreath in honor of President US Grant and his wife Julia Grant. Many national and department officers and members of the Allied Orders were present. National Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell and National Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell were in attendance. Keynote speaker was Commander-in-Chief Waldron K. Post, II, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Patriotic and historic organizations were in attendance. Members of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Archibald Gracie Camp #985 Sons of Confederate Veterans attended again this year. This event is the highlight of the year for the camp and the New York Department, SUVCW.

On Friday, May 29, 2015, NOAA is set to place a USS Monitor Trail Sign on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY. The placement of the sign will designate the importance in history as the building and launch site of the USS Monitor. The trail sign will be the first in New York State. There will be other signs to follow. I want to thank Commander Leo McGuire of the George L. Willard Camp #154 for providing contact information to Rita Shaheen of Scenic Hudson, Inc. in regard to the West Point Foundry Preserve being a possible location for a USS Monitor Trail Marker. NOAA will make the final decision on all USS Monitor Trail Markers. They are working closely with the Greenpoint Monitor Museum, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, NYC and Co. I, 83rd NYVI, SVR on where to place USS Monitor Trail Signs. After the morning sign dedication, there will be a History Fair at the local Brooklyn Expo Center. Government Agencies, Historic & Patriotic organizations and local schools will have display tables. There will also be Civil War presentations throughout the day. To name a few, NOAA will give a presentation on the USS Monitor and the National Marine Sanctuary. In addition, Syracuse University Professor named Cathryn Newton, who was a 16-year-old college student when she helped her father discover the U.S.S. Monitor. This historic event is also to commemorate the final year of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. The event is an all day event that will end at 9:00 PM and is free to the public.

One of the highlights of my tenure as Department Commander was the formation of a new camp. The Sgt. Judson Hicks Camp #111, SUVCW is a new camp from Arcadia, NY. Interim Commander Daryl VerSteate, Department Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC and Danny Wheeler PC-in-C helped to form the new camp. The new charter from national will be presented at the Allied Orders Banquet this evening. Congratulations Brothers!

As we approach Memorial Day, it is time for us to honor our Civil War ancestors by participating in parades and dedications throughout New York State. It is the time of the year when all members to renew their oath that they took when they were sworn into our order.

In conclusion, I want to thank the membership for giving me the honor of serving you as your Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As I step down, I will do as I have done in the past, I will continue to perpetuate and honor the memory of our Civil War ancestors who sacrificed so much to preserve the Union. God Bless the Boys who wore the Blue from 1861 to 1865.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
George J. Weinmann, PCC  
New York Department Commander



Paul Ellis-Graham, PCC  
Senior Vice Commander  
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### REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

This past year the Senior Vice Commander focused his attention on the department's major fundraiser for the year. As a result of donations from the Estate of Mr. Larry Brest, a Chester, NY resident, and an individual whose Civil War ancestry was confirmed shortly before his death, the Department of New York received several autographed books from leading scholars in the field of Lincoln studies such as Harold Holzer, Eric Foner, and Tony Kushner.

Those autographed books make up a good portion of prizes to be raffled off at the encampment later this evening. In addition to these items, the Senior Vice Commander purchased several related DVD movies and Civil War busts to round out the eligible prizes. Thanks to Department Historian Jerome Orton for his donation of a glass paperweight from the US Capitol Historical Society that was added to the prizes.

After receiving a list of mailing labels (575) from Department Secretary Pugsley, the SVC purchased an identical number of stamped mailing envelopes in order to send out the tickets to members across the state. At the time of this report a total of \$851.00 had been received.

Thirty-four envelopes were returned to the SVC from the postal service labeled "return to sender." In order to minimize this problem, the SVC suggests that camp secretaries update their mailing lists as best as possible, so that we can reduce this number of non-deliverable items. **DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY AND SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK!**

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul F. Ellis-Graham, PCC, SVC

Annual Report from the Department of NY Junior Vice Commander  
April 23, 2015

Commander Weinmann,

As this year's elected Junior Vice Commander, it is my honor to report that the Office I hold has continued to maintain the principles of the fraternity.

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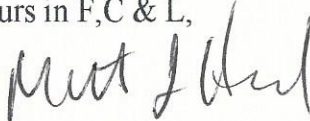
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Yours in F,C & L,



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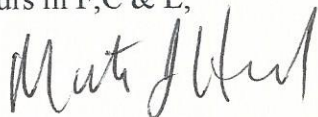
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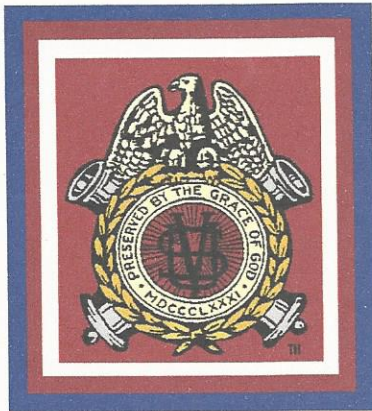
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Yours in F,C & L,



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Dear Commander Weinmann and Fellow Brothers,

I would like to submit my annual Department Secretary Report for the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual NY Department Encampment.

After being elected my first task was to complete and submit the 2014 Annual Department Report to the National Organization. This was done before the deadline which has not happened in several years.

During the course of the year, I submitted numerous Form 30s to National.

Per their request, I submitted a copy of the Department By-Laws to the National Organization.

I answered numerous requests and questions from the various Camps.

I produced the 2014 Proceedings, put them on CD and had them put on the website.

I also helped in the organization of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual NY Encampment.

Currently I am compiling the materials from the Camps so that the Annual Department Report can be submitted on time.

As of now we have approximately 525 members. A final number will be known once all the Camps Annual Reports are submitted.

In the coming year, the Department roster is going to be revamped. The roster is going to be in Microsoft Access which is more suited to information of this type. One advantage to this is to make it easier and more cost effective in mailing out the fundraiser envelopes.

No recommendations.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Department Secretary for the past year, and I look forward to serving in the coming year.

Submitted in F, C, and L,

Robert Pugsley, PDC

On the Occasion of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual NY Department Encampment, May 2, 2015

Saratoga Springs, NY



# **THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE TREASURER

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

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May 2, 2015

Dear Commander Weinmann and Brothers of the Department of New York:

Please let this letter serve as the annual report of the Treasurer of the Department of New York, SUVCW to the 132<sup>nd</sup> Encampment of Department of New York.

The Department currently has three bank accounts, one savings and two checking, located at the Wells Fargo Bank. The original Wells Fargo Department Checking account was opened in February 2010. The other two accounts, a checking and the savings account in Wells Fargo were opened on November 2013. These two new accounts are without bank fees as long as \$150.00 is transferred monthly from the new checking account into the new savings account or we maintain a balance of \$10,000.00 in linked accounts. The current balances in those three accounts are reflected in the handout entitled Treasurers Report of Account Balances. Copies of all bank statements for all three accounts from May 2014 through April 30th have been provided to the Department Council in accordance with the Bylaws.

In addition, the Department now has two new CD's also reflected in that report. One representing the Department's Permanent Fund as called for in the Bylaws and a second representing a portion of the monies turned over last year in the form of bank checks by our prior Treasurer purporting to be from CD's he had reporting as existing at the 130<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. These CD's were opened pursuant to the directive of the 131<sup>st</sup> Department Encampment.

In addition, also per the directive of the 131<sup>st</sup> Department Encampment, I am currently in the process of getting the Department approved through Northwestern Mutual for an investment in a relatively conservative mutual fund. It is the hope that the return will substantially exceed CDs, although there is some risk not associated with CD's. I have been informed that the National organization is also proceeding in a similar fashion.

In addition, per the directive of the 131<sup>st</sup> Department Encampment I am holding \$10,000.00 for purposes of awarding an annual grant of \$500.00 to be used within the Department to assist in the renovation or restoration of area monuments, memorials or artifacts. However, I am awaiting the execution of the rest of the directive of the 131st Department Encampment that being that the "Department Commander appoint a committee to make recommendations for consideration at next year's Encampment concerning the formation and make up of a standing committee and the procedures to be used in both applying for and disbursing such grants." I respectfully request that that committee be formed.



In regards the status of the investigation against my predecessor, I have had some recent contact with the State Police Investigator. The State Police have now had this case for almost 18 months. In my opinion as a former prosecutor, they have substantial evidence to move forward. It is apparent to me that this case is not being vigorously pursued for no other reason other than it not a high profile matter and is not something pressing. I am a proponent of the adage that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Therefore, I make the following recommendation:

1.) That the Department Commander write a letter to the current District Attorney of Orange County David Hoovler, where the case is currently being handled. Pointing out that the matter was reported over a year ago, that substantial records were provided demonstrating that Department monies were mishandled and used for unauthorized personal purposes, and requesting a status on the matter and a explanation for the length of time it has taken to investigate this matter.

I have provided two handouts to the Encampment. One provides the Encampment with the current balances in each account and careful note should be made of the footnotes that accompany them. The second provides the proposed Budget for the Departments upcoming year, which will vote on later today. Please note that the fiscal year for the Department runs from July 1 through June 30. Please further note that we are currently still within the 2014/2015 fiscal year. In addition, please realize that almost all the financial activity of the Department occurs within a couple of weeks before the Department Encampment up through the Encampment and the remaining weeks thereafter. Therefore, it is difficult to get a clear picture of the Department's fiscal picture at an Encampment. Next year I hope to also provide the Department with a report concerning the Department's activities for the entire prior year's fiscal year so that we can begin to get a better idea of the Department financial activities and increase our ability to predict more accurately the Department income and expenses.

In conclusion, as I state every year all officers elected or appointed at any level need to become familiar with their job duties and responsibilities under both the National Rules and regulations, the National Job Descriptions, the Department Bylaws and the Camp bylaws and see that they are followed. There is no excuse for those who seek and obtain these offices for not knowing your responsibilities and seeing that they are carried out. It is in this way we can become both a more efficient and productive Department benefiting both the National organization and our camps and members. In addition, and I believe our Department Secretary agrees, all officers of the Department who have any responsibilities regarding the Department budget, be they the Commander, Senior Vice Commander for the fundraiser, the Department Secretary, the Encampment committee, etc need to be familiar with the budget and follow it.

I thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing to serve the Department and the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Jeffrey Albanese*

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, Treasurer

SUVCW, Department of New York



**TREASURERS REPORT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**  
**ALL BALANCES AS OF April 29, 2015**

**Accounts currently with Wells Fargo Bank**

**\*Primary Operating Checking Account** **\$13,261.11**

**Secondary Checking Account** **\$480.00**

**\*\*Savings Account** **\$24,666.55**

**(Currently reflecting deposit of a portions of funds purportedly in CDs in 2013/14)**

**CDs currently with The Berkshire Bank (Goshen, N.Y. Branch)**

**1. One Year renewable CD (renew date 4/21/16)**

**Interest Rate .80%**

**(Income to be deposited into Memorial/Grant Fund)** **\$10,000.00**

**2. Permanent Fund CD (18mos interest Rate 1.09%)** **\$ 1,577.68**

**\* Money in this account currently includes per capita funds to be paid to national, funds to pay for 132<sup>nd</sup> Encampment banquet and Encampment expenses ( Commander's Room, supplies, PI Award etc) , officers end of fiscal year expenses, and other expenses mandated by Bylaws if any.**

**\*\*Per the May 2014 Department Encampment these remaining funds are committed to \$10,000.00 +in a mutual fund currently awaiting approval by Northwestern Mutual Funds Brokerage and \$10,000.00 committed to a Memorial Grant Fund(awaiting a committee to determine its formation and procedures for applying and awarding the grant funds); any remaining monies to be placed in the checking account.**



10:00 PM

04/28/15

Accrual Basis

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPT. OF NEW YORK****Profit & Loss Budget Overview**

July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16
<b>Income</b>	
44500 · Fund-Raising	
44520 Drawings	1,150.00
<b>Total 44500 · Fund-Raising</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>
47230 · Membership Fees	
47231 Membership Fees-Dues	13,514.00
47232 MAL Membership Fees	100.00
47232 New Member App. Fees	90.00
<b>Total 47230 · Membership Fees</b>	<b>13,704.00</b>
47500 · Contributions	
47560 · Contributions	100.00
<b>Total 47500 · Contributions</b>	<b>100.00</b>
49000 · Special Events Income	
49010 · Encampment Banquet	2,100.00
49020 · Encampment Registration Fees	300.00
<b>Total 49000 · Special Events Income</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,354.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
60300 · Awards and Grants	
60330 Rippey Award	50.00
60310 · Camp Patriotic Instructor Award	100.00
60320 · Grants Cottage Membership	100.00
<b>Total 60300 · Awards and Grants</b>	<b>250.00</b>
60900 · Department Expenses	
60920 Thee Bears	0.00
60930 Grant Ceremony Wreath	100.00
60940 Mid-Year Meeting	0.00
60950 Medals/Badges	590.00
<b>Total 60900 · Department Expenses</b>	<b>690.00</b>
62100 · Dept. Reimbursed Expenses	
62110 · Department Commander	750.00
62120 · Department Secretary	400.00
62130 · Department Treasurer	225.00
62140 · Dep. Commander to Nat'l Encampt	250.00
62150 · Misc Officers reimb	175.00
<b>Total 62100 · Dept. Reimbursed Expenses</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	300.00
65030 · Printing and Copying	100.00
65040 · Supplies	50.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<b>450.00</b>
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65120 bank charges	0.00
65110 · Advertising Expenses	120.00
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>120.00</b>
68300 · Department Encampment	
68301 Encampment Site Committee	200.00
68302 C-in-C Room	300.00
68303 Dept. Commanders Room	300.00
68304 Banquet	2,100.00
68305 Supplies/Expenses	50.00
<b>Total 68300 · Department Encampment</b>	<b>2,950.00</b>



## Brothers

I would like to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to serve as Department Patriotic Instructor for the past year. A few of my accomplishments have been;

- 1) Formation of Judson Hicks Camp
- 2) Resolution by Michael Mannigan to ring church bells on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the civil war from the Hicks Camp.
- 3) 170 emails and correspondence between myself, Camps, and National
- 4) Acted as Interim and current Commander of the Hicks Camp
- 5) I have received 5 Patriotic Report out of a possible 20 camps.
- 6) Oliver Tilden Camp will receive the Patriotic Instructors Award this year.
- 7) I attended along with Robert Puglsey the ringing of his churches bell the first time it had been rung in some 50 give or take years.
- 8) raised and donated some 500 +/- brand new toys to the local VAMC housing Campus for Veterans in need to help with their childrens Christmas.
- 9) attended wreaths across America to place wreaths on all veterans graves including those of the Civil War
- 10) attended flag retirement Ceremony in Penryn ME with ~~Brothers~~ members of the Sover, and the American Legion.



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Arthur Kirmss

flycar@frontier.net, George Weinmann

Dear Brother Kirmss,

First I would like to thank you for that wonderful card that you sent. It was appreciated more than you can imagine.

Below is a list of our members who passed away over the past year. If there are any that I did not include please let me know.

Yours in F, C, and L,

Bob Pugsley

Leroy R. Lincoln, Jr	July 15, 2014	Col George
Willard Camp #154		
Robert M Schweitzer	January 28, 2014	Members at
Large		
Cornwell "Corky" Martin	April 15, 2014	Capt Oliver
Tilden Camp #26		
Robert Dye	12/31/2013	Homer Searle
#114		
Philip L. Kissel	April 23, 2014	Capt Oliver
Tilden Camp #26		
William Shillington	May 8, 2014	Abraham
Lincoln Camp #6		
Phillip A. Schlesier PCC	September 23, 2014	Moses A.
Baldwin 544		
Lansing Gaylord Brisbain III	2015	Augustus Van
Home Ellis #124		

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*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*  
*Department of New York*



**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK GRAVE REGISTRATION  
YEAR END REPORT**

**MAY 2, 2015**

Dear Brothers of the Department of New York,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Department Graves Registration Officer this year. Currently the National Database shows that nationwide there are 65110 graves registered of men who were listed as members of New York units, an increase of over 5000 in the last year. Within the State of New York there are 39572 burials listed in the Database. It appears that we have moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Ohio with 82238 names. Our database is growing slowly but still has a long way to go. It is a simple process to add names to the database just register and submit. Any questions can be answered by reference to the online "Graves Registration Database Booklet" located on the National website.

Other than a few e-mail requests for information it has been a quiet year for me. I hope that the members of the department can make it much busier next year. As we come to the end of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War what more fitting way is there to remember the "Boys in Blue" than to record for posterity their final resting place.

I doubt that the Graves Registration Project will ever be 100% complete, and certainly not in my lifetime, but I feel that it is the duty of every brother to work toward this goal. WE OWE IT TO OUR ANCESTORS!

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bruce N. Glaser, PCC  
Dept of NY, Graves Registration Officer

Presented this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2015 on the occasion of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual New York Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held at Saratoga Springs, New York.



**Subject:** New York Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War May 2nd Eagle Scout Report.  
**From:** jdport1109@verizon.net (jdport1109@verizon.net)  
**To:** gjweinmann@aol.com;  
**Cc:** flycar@frontiernet.net;  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 2:45 PM

To Commander George j. Weinmann

To all Brothers and Sisters welcome to the New York Department Encampment of 2015.

It is my pleasure to report to you that 22 Boy Scout threw the New York State area has been given either by presentation from a member or sent out in mail with a letter of recognition with there certificates were given out this year.

Now we know there were much more Eagle Scout Ceremonies this past season my mission this upcoming season if i am elected by the Commander is to find out where we need to fix this should each camp have a coordinator , should there be maybe more advertising by the National Organization maybe in Boys Life magazine or do we need to reach National level of Boy Scouts of America. These issues most be discussed and they will.

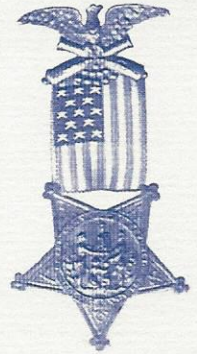
Enjoy the Encampment and God Bless you and of Course God Bless America  
Yours in F,C&L  
john Portanova pcc  
Eagle Scout Coordinator  
Department of New York  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





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## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Dear Commander Weinmann  
and Fellow Brothers

I have this year ok'ed all department orders. I also have given advice when needed and represented the department as Nat'l Council on issues pertaining to our department, and other issues.

I believe if the department is going to be strong in the future. We need officers to communicate better with our members. It seems to me we have slacked off in this department. Members only hear sometimes what is going on from May to May. It is upmost important for our department to hold a midyear meeting so that all officers are on the same page.

I am proposing that because we have a convention in May that we plan our mid-year be held in November., so it does not interfere with Gettysburg and the weather is good for travel.

I realize the mid winter meeting is by the call of the Commander but it is important that one is called for the good of the order. Every year seeing reports after the year is over is not productive or for the good of the order.

Yours in FC&L  
*Danny L. Wheeler PCinc*  
Danny L. Wheeler PCinc  
Department councilier

*I would like from last year this becoming a  
Bylaw change.*

Annual Report  
May 2014-May 2015

US Rt. 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway  
Matthew J Hereford PCC US RT 6 Highway Officer

April 26, 2015

Dear Commander Weinmann,

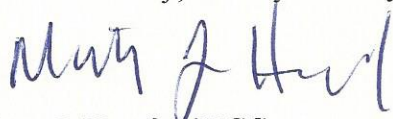
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for my appointment as the US Route 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer for the Department of NY Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2014-2015 term.

Below is a brief summary of the highlights of the GAR Highway within NY

1. Contact has been made with the National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, to purchase two GAR road signs to be placed in the City of Peekskill, NY in the spring of 2015. The John L. Worden Camp is purchased two the signs at a cost of \$125 + \$25 shipping. A dedication service for the signs was conducted April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Depot Museum in Peekskill. This adds two new signs to the NY area.
2. NY Department US Route 6 GAR Highway Brochures are being distributed through the courtesy of the Bear Mt. Toll House Tourist Information Center.
4. Membership, ours being free as a not-for-profit, has been renewed in the US Route 6 Tourist Assn. for the 2015 year.
5. I regret that I cannot attend this years Encampment but I remain willing to continue as GAR Highway Officer if the ne commander wishes.

Recommendations: None at this time.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Matthew J. Hereford PCC





# Department of New York

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Signals Officer | *Volunteer* Editor

Donald G. Zeilman, Col. George L. Willard Camp 154

## Signal Officer's Report | 2015 Encampment

The Department published three editions of its on-line newsletter, *The Volunteer*, over the year following the 2014 Encampment.

The current editorial schedule is as follows: 1 August—reports on Encampment and various Memorial Day camp activities, 1 December—reports on summer-long projects and activities, 1 April—prep for the next Encampment.

Content for the newsletter was supplied by the Department Commander, Department officers, and from various Camp communications. Highest priority is given Department business, including details for meetings and the annual Department Encampment. Orders of the Department Commander are published, as are obituaries for deceased brothers. Camp news highlighting activities, especially activities related to the Civil War sesquicentennial, has also been prioritized.

Developing content continues to be the biggest challenge to publishing the newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brother Donald G. Zeilman,

Signals Officer for the Department of New York, SUVCW 2014/2015